

Preliminary Version- Pending Commission Approval

Minutes of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission Meeting, Wednesday ,23 March, 2005

Dr. Rose called the meeting of the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission to

order at 8:00 AM. Present were Commissioners: Dr. Vincent C. Rose, Dr.

Alfred Allen, Dr. Steven Mecca, and staff Dr. Terry Tehan, Mike Middleton

and Jeff Davis. Dr. Harry Knickle and Commissioners: Dr. Peter Gromet and

Dr. Bahram Nassersharif arrived shortly after the minutes were approved.

1. Minutes of the April 12, 2004 meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were reviewed.

Motion: A motion was made by Mecca and seconded by Allen to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Nuclear and Radiation Safety Committee Report.

Dr. Harry Knickle presented the report of the Nuclear and Radiation Safety

Committee (NRSC). He indicated that the NRSC recommended that an additional

external voting member be added to the NRSC. The current external members

are: Dr. Joseph E. Robertshaw (Providence College), Dr. Brian D. Moulton

(Brown University), Dr. Harold Knickle (Chair, University of Rhode Island)

and Dr. John Leith (retired). Non-voting ex officio members are:

Dr. Tehan, Mr. Bicehouse and Mr. Middleton. The reasons for adding an

additional external voting member included increasing the possibility of

having a quorum of voting members.

Motion: Mecca made a motion to accept the report and add another external

voting member to the NRSC. Nassersharif seconded the motion. The motion

passed unanimously.

Knickle left at this time.

3. Inspections

Dr. Tehan presented the results of the NRC three inspections (May

20,2004,

November 30, 2004, and January 29,2005). No violations were found

Motion: Mecca made and Allen seconded a motion to accept the report which passed unanimously.

4. Personnel Items

Mike Middleton, the new Assistant Director for Operations, and Robin Wheller, the new Senior Word processing Secretary (who attended for this

item only) were introduced to the Commission members. Tehan reported

that Middleton has qualified as Senior Reactor Operator. As a result, there are three senior reactor operators (Davis, Middleton and Tehan) and one reactor operator (Bruce MacGregor). Damato plans to retake the

R.O. exam soon.

5. Operations

Mike Middletown reviewed the ongoing projects and performance measures. The

metrics approved by the state budget office are limited to reactor operating

hours and samples processed. Middleton was asked to develop an internal

metric on usage of the facility. After a discussion of R.I. Associates activities, Mecca asked that Knickle report on the missing R.I. Associates

request for project authorization. There appears to be a procedural problem

that needs to be rectified

Motion: Mecca moved to accept the report on projects and performance

measures. Nassersharif seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Budget

Tehan reviewed the material provided on the operating, capital and federal grants budgets. He indicated that the next capital projects included removing the floor tile in the reactor room and installing a gate for the rear parking lot. He said that RINSC is doing well in the federal grant area, having recently receiving \$45,000 for reactor instrumentation and expect to receive \$100,000 for the INIE grant. A couple other proposals are out .

Motion: Mecca moved to accept the report. Gromet seconded the motion. The

motion passed unanimously.

7. Old Business

The meeting schedule was discussed and it was decided that the next meeting

would be on Wednesday, June 1 at 8 A.M. at the R.I. Nuclear Science center.

The status of current Commission Appointments was reviewed. Nassersharif was

appointed to complete Pickart's term. He is due for reappointment this year.

8. New Business

The revised format of the Reactor and Facility Fee Schedule was discussed.

Since there still is available capacity, it was indicated that every effort

should be made by the staff to encourage increased use of the facilities. It

was suggested that a plan be developed to market facility capabilities to

potential users. Another suggestion was that beam ports could be used to

develop experiments for later use at the national labs (which have

limited

but free use).

Motion: A motion was made by Mecca and seconded by Nassersharif to approve

the new format with the existing rates. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Gromet made a motion and Allen seconded a motion to adjourn which passed

unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.